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Late News

Drug Bust at Bob Evans

by Dave Atkins

On Saturday, March 3, at 9:30 p.m., a major drug bust occurred in the parking lot of the Bob Evans restaurant near Metro Airport.

Two Romulus police officers were involved in the bust, along with other officers from DRANO, a Downriver drug-fighting organization.

The officers traded approximately 18 to 20 ounces of cocaine for an amount of marijuana of equal value (around \$20,000 street value).

Romulus police officers Rafalski and Balewski had been working on the case since the middle of February. No Romulus residents were involved.

The "bad guy," as Officer Balewski called him, is a known drug pusher in Florida, and had been contacted by one of his (Balewski's) informants. The informant set up the buy, and the police department arrested one Wesley James Rogers. There evidently was no resistance to the arrest.

Rogers was arraigned on Monday, March 5, 1990, and assigned a \$20,000 cash bond. (That means that he must post the entire \$20,000 in cash to be released.)

One more pusher off the street; one more reason why all possible efforts should be made to increase our fight against drugs, especially in our own department.

Water, Sewage Back Up

by Randy Gear

On Sunday, February 25, I received first-hand information about and saw the effects of the previous Thursday's flood and sewage backup. Many people throughout our city were affected by the water rushing into their basements and homes without warning. Probably one of the hardest hit areas was the Oakbrook subdivision, located in the southeast corner of our city.

Several residents missed days of work fighting what seemed to be, at one point, a continuous stream of rushing water, shooting straight up from the basement floor. (At times, the streams of water gushed up to two or three feet in height.) Citizens took immediate action, from moving and rearranging furni-

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Don't Have A Crisis Between 6 p.m. and 8:30 a.m.

by Dave Atkins

Last night I had an experience that was absolutely unbelievable. A young man came to my home asking for help — help that he needed because of his alcohol addiction. He was 27 years old and in a lot of mental anguish.

My daughter and I stayed on the telephone from 7 p.m. until a little after 10 p.m., trying to get the man some help at some sort of crisis center or hospital. Our efforts were fruitless.

First of all, if you don't have health insurance (this young man didn't), most hospitals won't take you — at least, the ones that we called wouldn't (Wyandotte, Westland Medical Center, and a few others). Worse, all the crisis centers that we tried to contact said (when we could find one that was open) that the man would have to wait until the next day, during normal business hours, for help.

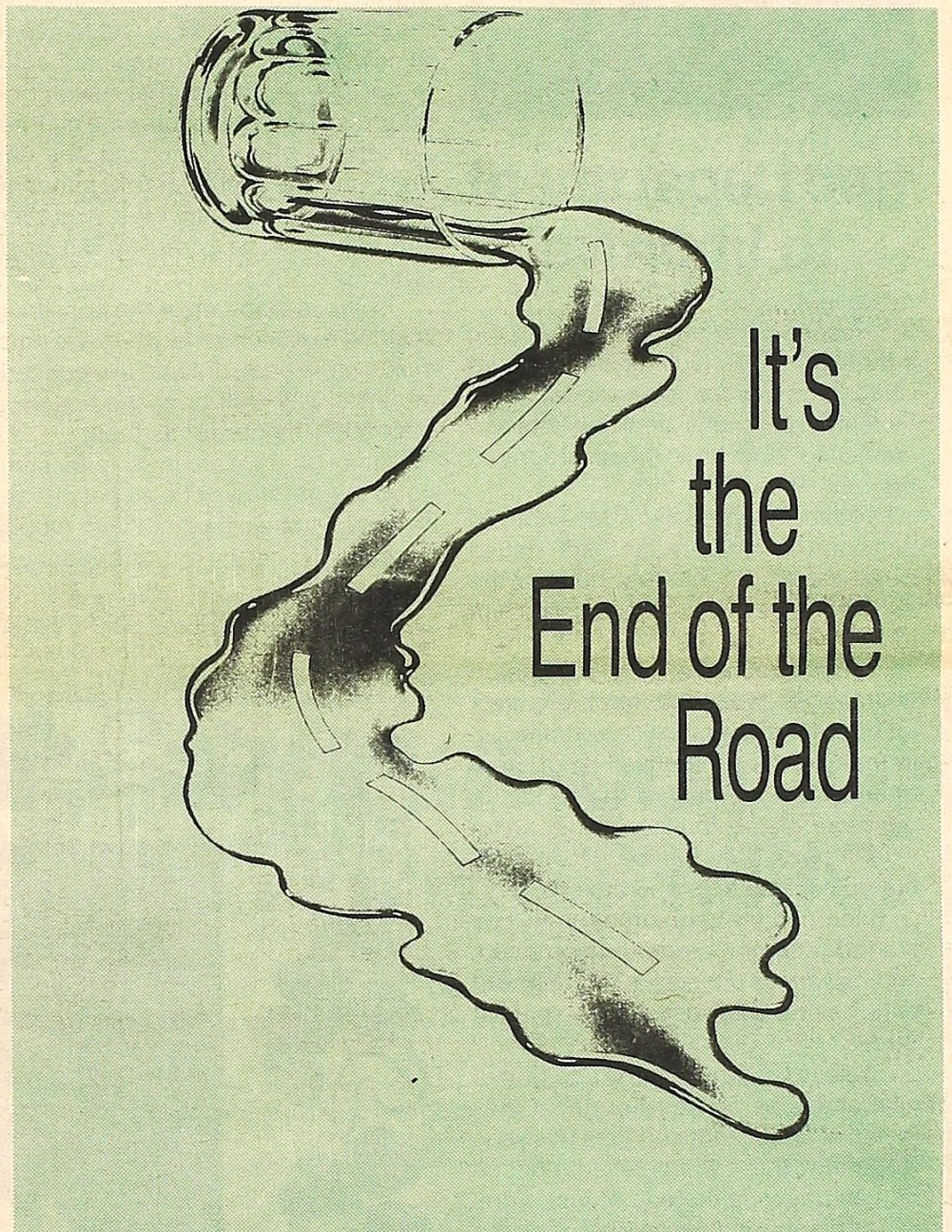
I called the Romulus Police Department and explained the situation to the officer in charge of the afternoon shift, and asked if they could lock the young man up for the night at his own request. I was told that, since he had not committed any crime, it was against the law to lock him up. The officer further explained that police officers often have the same problem that I was having in finding anyone to take a person with a crisis after normal working hours.

I wonder what these crisis centers are all about? Do they honestly believe that people only have crises between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.? And in the event of a life-or-death crisis due to alcohol or drugs, can you only get help at a hospital if you have health insurance? If you don't have insurance, are you supposed to go out on the street and die?

I don't pretend to believe that all, or even many, of the people who have drinking or drug problems have any kind of hospitalization. Now, where are they supposed to get help? Remember, the so-called crisis centers are closed after 5 or 6 p.m., and you can't get help at most hospitals unless you have some sort of insurance.

Doesn't it seem funny that our government can spend millions of dollars on food and medical care for people in foreign countries, yet, in our own country, we can't get into a hospital in a crisis situation unless we have insurance, or into a crisis center unless it's during business hours?

I found out last night that you can't even get help in a crisis at the Salvation



Army until you have first been cleared by a crisis center (which, of course, doesn't open until 8:30 or 9 a.m.).

Seems rather sad, doesn't it?

Twenty-seven years old and can't get help. Sixteen and can't get help. Sixty-five and can't get help.

It really is a sad state of affairs — one that should be cleared up by people in higher government positions.

Believe me, when a person realizes that he or she has a serious problem and finally decides to do something about it, but then can't get help when it's needed and, therefore, goes back to the problem (maybe even making it worse), and there's nothing you can do for him or her, it leaves you feeling rather helpless. It's a shame.

This was my first experience with such a situation. The man said he came to me because he felt that I was the

only person he knew who could help him. And yet I couldn't because of the system and the way it works.

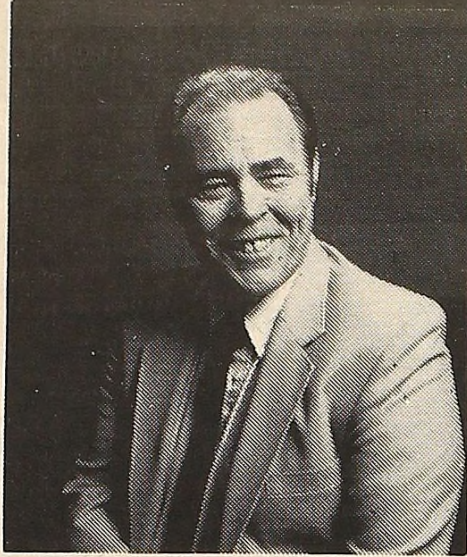
This man desperately needed help last night. He begged, in tears, for help, and I couldn't do anything for him. He promised that he would see me today so that I can try to get him the assistance that he needs, but so far I have neither seen him nor heard from him.

I only wonder if there wasn't possibly something else that I could have done? I wonder if he is all right? I wonder if he will wind up in jail so that he can get help? I wonder if he will be alive next week . . . next month . . . next year?

I wonder what would have happened if he could have gotten into a hospital or crisis center?

I wonder what in the hell is wrong with someone helping another human being begging for help? □

THE EDITOR'S OPINION



Rec Department to Improve

by Dave Atkins

Recently, I received a "letter to the editor" from Romulus resident Sondra Carter, who was concerned about which recreation programs are being kept and cancelled, and how those programs are run.

I called Mayor Beverly McAnally to discuss the problem, and she called Duwayne Martin, the new head of the Recreation Department, and asked him to call me about the lady's dilemma.

I had a rather lengthy discussion with Martin and found that there are a lot of programs that will be coming up in the near future that will be of great interest to a majority of the people in our town. I also found out that some existing programs will be put on hold, not eliminated as some believe.

I learned that construction will be started (and completed by summer's end) on various projects at the historical park beside the post office on Hunt Street.

Also in the works is the addition of new activities for the Fourth of July Picnic at Elmer Johnson Park this year. Hopefully, there will be events occurring all day long instead of just a fireworks display in the evening — things like three-legged races, sack races, a dunk tank, a carnival for small children, and the list just goes on and on. Finally, we are going to have something that the whole community can get involved in on the Fourth, instead of just the fireworks that interest only some. (We will have more information for you in future issues as we get it from Mr. Martin.)

There is talk of utilizing all the parks in town. We, the taxpayers, have spent many thousands of dollars for the parks that dot our city, but, for some reason, not many of them are used. Martin said he intends to see that activities are brought to these parks so that more residents will be a little more interested in visiting them and using them for their intended purposes.

Movies outside! If he can accomplish what he would like to do, some-

time this summer, you will be able to take your cooler and picnic basket to an outside park in town and see movies under the stars with your families and enjoy a beautiful summer evening.

In fact, it appears that many of Martin's ideas are family oriented, and he seems to have a soft spot in his heart for seniors, as well.

I can't, in the space of one article, go into everything that the two of us discussed, but I can tell you that, if Martin gets the support he needs from the proper people, there will be plenty of new and exciting things happening in our city — things that haven't occurred since many of us were children ourselves, when Mom, Dad, the children, and the grandparents joined together for family activities. And there will, of course, be events for the single folks, too.

There is also talk of the possibility of some senior citizens, who were musicians in the past, holding live concerts either at City Hall or at the historical park after the gazebo is built.

I think that we are in store for some good things. Now, let's all get out and support what we can, not with money, necessarily, but by our attendance at the functions.

It could be called "the old American family-values way" — the values on which this country was built.

Local Soon To Be MSU Grad

Terrell L. McIntosh, Jr., the son of Patricia L. Geldmacher and Terrell L. McIntosh, Sr., of Romulus, will be graduating from Michigan State University on March 10, 1990. Terrell will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and Engineering, and will begin work in mid-April as an Associate Programmer Analyst with the Chevron Corporation, located in San Ramon, California.

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by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

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If you have a question, call the court. The clerical staff for the 34th District Court is the most cooperative and courteous in Wayne County. While they can't give legal advice, they can point you in the right direction.

If a lawsuit involves more than a \$10,000 claim, then the suit would be filed in Wayne County Circuit Court in Detroit, Michigan.

The 34th District Court also handles

misdemeanor criminal offenses and traffic violations. A misdemeanor offense would be handled by a judge, while a traffic violation may be handled by the magistrate, Mark Maironis. Mr. Maironis can hear some traffic tickets. In order for the magistrate to hear the case, the person who received the ticket would have to agree to allow the magistrate to hear the case, and waive having an attorney present.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to address it in a future issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

Volleyball Team Finishes Third

by Fred Coleman, Romulus Schools Athletic Director

The 1989-90 volleyball season came to a close this weekend, with the team finishing with a record of 30 wins and 16 losses.

The latest contests for the Eagle varsity were the Downriver Mellus Tournament and the State District Tournament.

In the Mellus Tournament, the team was led by senior Chris Stratton and junior Jennifer Daniel. The efforts of these two athletes allowed them to be chosen to the All-Tournament team at

the conclusion of the day.

Early victories over Taylor Truman and New Boston Huron, and a split with Southgate Anderson, sent the Eagles to the play-off round.

In the quarterfinals, the Eagles took on Woodhaven High School, and, behind the solid hitting and blocking of Chris and fellow senior Susan Hamel, they easily put away their opponent.

The semifinal games were not as easy for the Eagles, even though they jumped off to a first-game victory of 15-8 over tournament runners-up Lincoln Park.

Jennifer Daniel had nine service points in the match with Lincoln Park (she had 40 service points on the day), but her efforts, combined with the excellent back-line play of Tammy Trubilowicz and Michele Scarrow, were not enough to hold off Lincoln Park in their own tournament. The Railsplitters rallied to 15-9 and 15-11 victories, and sent the Eagles home in third place.

"Downriver volleyball is getting better every year," Coach Gail Coleman stated, "and I am really happy with our finish of third behind eventual District Champions Trenton and Lincoln Park. Jen and Chris both had exceptional days, but we really played well as a team. With only Chris and Susan Hamel as seniors this season, we should be pretty solid as a team next year."

The State Districts were held on Saturday, and, as stated earlier, Trenton won theirs and Lincoln Park did, also.

Fortunately for those teams, they did not have to face Wayne Memorial, as the Eagles did.

"We had six determined, excellent athletes compete for Romulus on Saturday," added Coleman, "but Wayne also had six. Unfortunately, theirs were about three to five inches taller than ours, and that was the difference."

Chris Stratton and Susan Hamel, the two seniors on this year's team, rose to the occasion on Saturday, but just couldn't counterattack the powerful hitting of Wayne.

Chris ended her best season in high school with five kills, six service points, and a 90% serving day against Wayne. Susan had three kills and, like always, they seemed to come at times when the team needed a momentum lift.

The bright spots for the Eagles were the juniors, as they showed good signs for next season. Brooke Hammers and Tammy Trubilowicz both had excellent days hitting against the bigger Wayne squad. Michele Scarrow, second only to Chris in hitting, also had a great day, but, more important, combined with junior Angie Slawinski to form a solid defensive back-line.

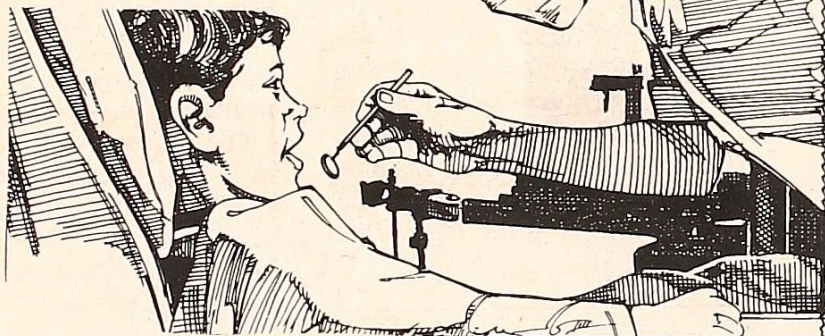
Jennifer Daniel, a sure nominee for All-League and All-Area honors as a setter, also showed signs of being a powerful hitter, as well, in the 1990-91 season. Jennifer had 11 assists in the loss to Wayne, adding to her school-record accumulation this season.

"Chris and Susan have been excellent student-athletes for this program and school system, and I hope that they realize how much this year's team depended upon their play and leadership," added Coleman. "Next year's team will

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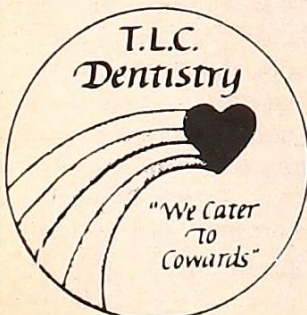
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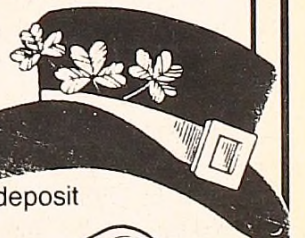
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KOSTEVA'S REPORT

by James Kosteva, State Representative,
37th District

House Approves Minimum Wage Boost

The House has voted to increase and expand the State's minimum wage beyond the new Federal standard. Under the legislation, the minimum wage in Michigan would be set at \$3.80 per hour effective April 1, 1990, then increase to \$4.25 in 1991 and to \$4.65 in 1992. By 1993, the State wage would increase to \$5 per hour. The Federal minimum wage is set to rise to \$3.80 on April 1 and to \$4.25 on April 1, 1991, where it would freeze.

Bill Provides for 'Do-Not-Resuscitate' Procedure

A House bill would allow terminally ill patients with less than six months to live to sign forms ordering medical personnel not to resuscitate them if they stop breathing or their hearts stop beating. When they sign the order, patients would receive a 'medic alert' bracelet and copy of the order, which would become part of their medical records. The orders would last for six months and could be revoked at any time.

Outstanding Youth Award

Congressman William D. Ford (D-Taylor) has announced March 25, 1990, as his deadline for accepting nominations for his annual Medal of Merit for Outstanding Youth.

Originally conducted in 1976 as part of the Bicentennial celebration, the awards program was so well received that the citizens' committee, which consisted of volunteers from each of the 20 communities within the 15th Congressional District, recommended that it be continued annually.

"I continue to believe that this is an excellent way to honor some of our truly outstanding young people whose activities and accomplishments too often have gone unnoticed and unrewarded," said Ford.

Three medals will be awarded in each one of the 15th Congressional District's 20 communities. The first is for youth aged 14 through 18, who are students in senior high school; the second is for high school graduates, age 18 through 22; and the third one is for youth groups, ages 14 through 22.

The medals will be personally presented by Congressman Ford on Sunday, May 6, 1990, at the Wayne County Immediate School District Building (at 33500 Van Born Road in Wayne).

"The committee will continue to use the same ground rules for the judging criteria which they followed in the past," Ford explained. "The accomplishments on which judging will be based must be both outstanding and meaningful, and should not be based primarily on academic ability, scholarship,

Bill Requires Deposit on Car Batteries

Michigan lawmakers have voted to put a \$6 deposit on car batteries to help reduce the volume of hazardous waste in Michigan. Leaking discarded batteries can cause groundwater contamination at landfills, and the heavy metals content of batteries (including lead, zinc, and copper) pose a public health threat during incineration. Battery purchasers would get their deposits back when they returned the used batteries to a licensed collection, recycling, or smelting facility. Consumers also could return the batteries for deposit to retailers, who would take the batteries to a collection facility.

Legislation Would Curb Drug Trafficking

Some drug traffickers would lose their driving privileges under a bill passed by the House. Under the legislation, persons convicted of possessing controlled substances while driving or traveling in a vehicle would have their driver's licenses suspended in addition to other penalties. The bill aims to reduce the trafficking of drugs on public roadways and between communities. Licenses could be suspended for at least 60 days and up to one year.

athletic ability, or organizational membership. A nominee receiving financial payment for their accomplishment will not be eligible."

Recognizing that not all people serve as leaders, Congressman Ford added that consideration would also be given to nominees who have contributed time and effort toward meaningful projects, such as volunteer practices, heroic acts, and humanitarian efforts.

Nomination forms can be obtained from Congressman Ford's district offices in Wayne (722-1411) and Ypsilanti (482-6636).

Levin Backs Clean Air Bill

Senator Carl Levin (D-Michigan) has endorsed the Clean Air accord reached between Senate leaders and the White House. Levin is a key negotiator in the effort to pass a Clean Air bill this year.

"The basic framework agreed to by the negotiators takes an important step toward clean air without undermining the nation's economic health," Levin said. "This agreement is a compromise on all sides and it's a fair one."

"We've achieved a bill which assures us of significantly cleaner air. . . . It does so in a cost-effective way which allows Michigan to remain competitive industrially."

The agreement takes a sort of middle ground on the issue of automobile emissions. It retains a "second round" of emission controls, while dropping a requirement to control carbon dioxide emissions that would have added hun-

tract with university researchers for fear of losing their competitive edge.

Committee Would Study Military Affairs

House lawmakers have suggested a special committee to study the consolidation of all military-related functions in Michigan under one centralized department, to be more efficient and cost effective. Currently, military affairs are handled by at least three state departments.

Legislation Would Permit Licensing of Acupuncturists

House lawmakers are considering legislation that would license acupuncturists, who use needles or probes to control pain. The practice of acupuncture is not regulated under current Michigan law. The bill does not prohibit other certified or licensed professionals from engaging in the practice, as long as they do not call themselves acupuncturists.

House lawmakers have voted to designate the Kalkaska soil series, which is unique to our State and found in both peninsulas, as the official State Soil. Lawmakers hope that designating an official State Soil would help educate landowners about erosion prevention and the importance of soil conservation to farming and forestry.

dreds of dollars to the cost of an average car, with relatively small environmental benefits.

"The compromise also gives Michigan a fairer deal on acid rain, recognizes the investment our state has already made, and stays within the 10-million-ton cap on sulfur dioxide," said Levin. "It's good news for the environment and good news for the ratepayers."

In addition, the compromise includes a provision from Levin's Great Lakes Critical Programs bill, which requires the monitoring of airborne toxic materials deposited in the Great Lakes.

"This provision is critical in preventing further contamination of the Great Lakes and in targeting sources of this pollution," he said.

Obituaries

Russell A. Makowski

Local resident Russell A. Makowski died February 24, 1990, at the age of 69.

Russell was the beloved husband of Vira F. (Aigginson) Makowski and the dear father of Donald R. Makowski (of Willis). He is also survived by two brothers, Harvey Makowski and Walter Hoppe (of Romulus), and two grandchildren.

Russell, a World War II veteran and City of Romulus retiree, was a member of the Romulus United Community Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 27, at Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus), with the Rev. J. D. Landis officiating. Romulus Cemetery was the site of interment.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Vincenzo Parratta

Vincenzo Parratta of Romulus died February 22, 1990, at the age of 74.

Vincenzo, the husband of the late Marie Parratta, was the dear father of Ralph J. Parratta (of Trenton) and James Russell Parratta (of Merrill, WI). He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Hack and Daisey Mayes (of Toledo, OH); one half-brother, Rocco Riesta (also of Toledo, OH); six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Vincenzo, who retired from Penn Walt Chemical Co. (formerly Wyandotte Chemical Co.) after 35 years, was a former constable/police officer of Romulus Township and a member of the St. Aloysius Catholic Church, the Romulus Democratic Club, the Romulus Senior Citizens, and the Trenton Kiwanis Club.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 26, with Father Walter Lezuchowski of St. Aloysius Catholic Church officiating. Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock was the site of interment.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer of Heart funds.

Henry "Hank" Pawlowski

Eighty-two-year-old Henry "Hank" Pawlowski of Romulus died February 25, 1990.

Hank was the beloved husband of Violet L. (Cox) Pawlowski, and the dear father of Denise Pawlowski and stepfather of Janet L. Truszkowski-Crook (both of Romulus). He is also survived by one brother, Leo Pawlowski (of Romulus); two sisters, Mrs. Wanda Wisniewski (of Westland) and Mrs. Helen Colby (of Hamtramck); and five grandchildren.

Hank, a Barbron Corporation retiree, was a member of St. Aloysius Church and the Gregorian and Ushers clubs.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 28, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Romulus, with Father Walter Lezuchowski officiating. Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock was the site of interment.

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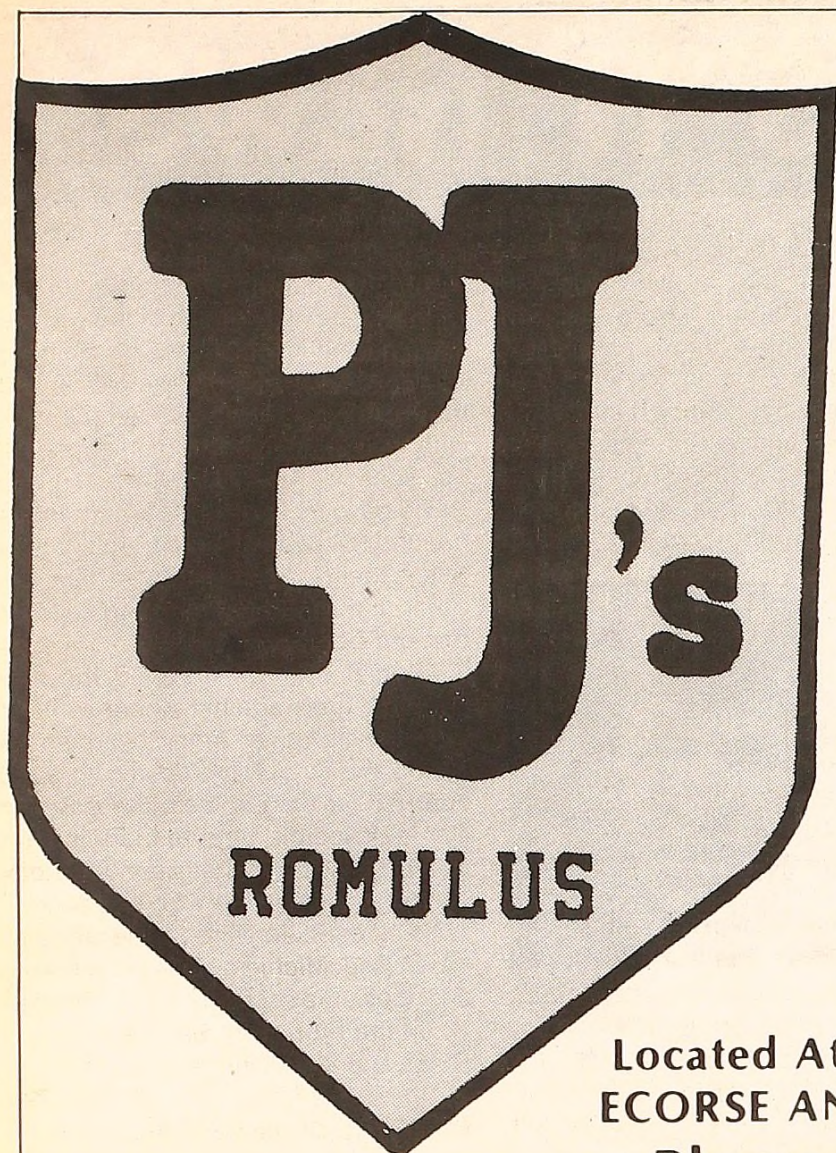
Basketball Finishes at .500

The 1989-1990 basketball regular season came to a close Thursday evening in Adrian with what may have been the most exciting game of the season.

The Eagles, coached by first-year head coach Chris Molloy, ended up on the losing end of a double-overtime game, but not before giving Adrian all they could handle.

Leading scorers Larry Perkins (15.3 ppg) and Torrey Mills (14.6 ppg) were not in the lineup, as Torrey was suffering from a leg injury and Larry had slightly injured his ankle early in the first quar-

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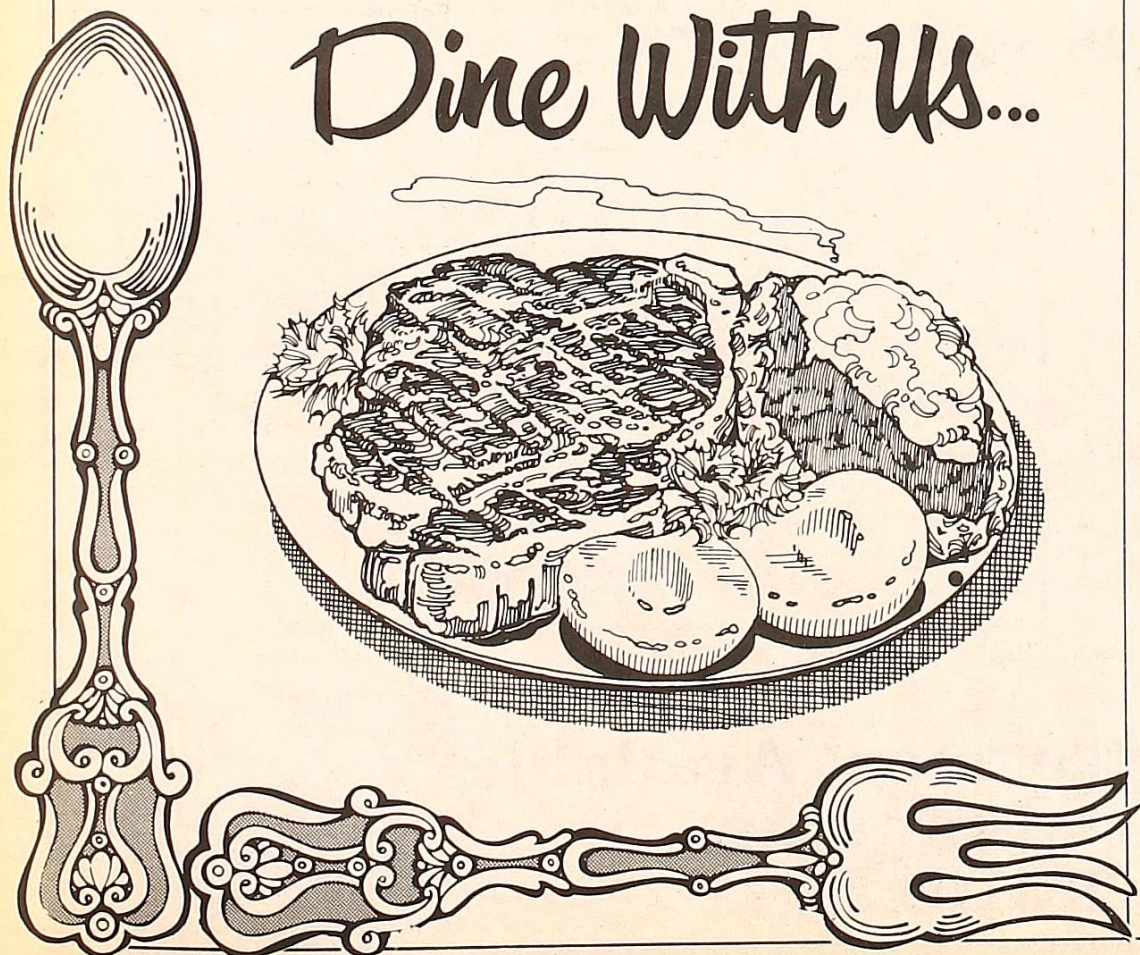
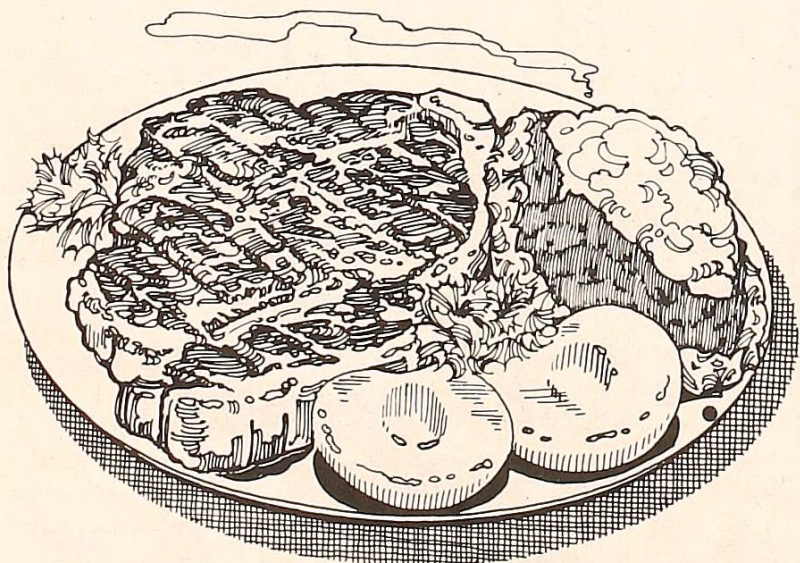
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SCHOOL SPORTS 'N' NEWS

Boyd: 1990 State Champ

What started out as a potentially great season for the 1989-90 wrestling program just seemed to turn sour mid-way through the year, as injuries and sickness plagued the team.

But all the pain and suffering of the grueling season was capped with celebration last weekend in Battle Creek when Brian Farnan and Bruce Boyd took the pride of their teammates and the community to the State Tournament and came out with major accomplishments.

Brian Farnan, wrestling in the 152-pound weight class, was barely beaten by the eventual State Champion, and still managed to regroup his abilities and composure to wrestle back in the consolation matches and take a solid fifth place in one of the toughest weight classes in the tournament.

A senior, Brian has been a significant leader on both the football and wrestling teams for four years at Romulus High School. The fact that he is an excellent student, as well, will make Brian a definite candidate for this year's scholar/athlete award.

Congratulations, Brian, on a fine season and career at Romulus.

The 75 to 100 people who chose to

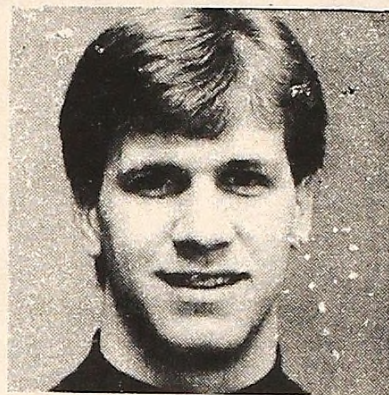
take on the infamous Michigan weather and travel to Battle Creek to support our two representatives were treated to what was definitely one of the classiest performances that a Romulus athlete has displayed in many years for our school and community.

"With TV constantly showing college and professional athletes pointing fingers and generally acting like idiots, it was a tremendous feeling for me as the Athletic Director to watch one of our athletes perform in the manner that Bruce did last weekend," said A.D. Fred Coleman. "Bruce won the State Championship, and for that he should be very proud. He went out with his own goals to be the best and accomplished that goal, and that speaks highly of him as an athlete. But more important than that victory (only the third state championship in Romulus wrestling history) was the manner in which Bruce conducted himself. There was no finger-pointing, no 'I'M NUMBER ONE,' no showboating for the crowd — just a simple handshake to his opponent for a fine effort, a hug for his coach for all the support, and a smile to his family and friends who supported him in his efforts. This was a class act and victory for our program that I only wish more of our young athletes could have seen. It sure said a lot for his family, his coaching staff, his teammates, his school,

and his community, and for that I would like to thank and congratulate Bruce. I certainly hope that all who see this young man will tell him what a good job he did at the State Championship, but, more importantly, I hope that we will all remember and thank Bruce for the manner in which he conducted himself while attaining this championship. It was a great experience, and I am sure glad I was able to be there to see it."

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ter of the game.

"We didn't want to take a chance of losing either of these two for the Districts," stated Coach Molloy, "so we went with a different lineup, and the new guys on the floor played their hearts out. If we would have played with that

intensity all season, there is no way we would have finished 10 and 10. It has been an up-and-down season for our guys, but I am real proud of the way we have battled in our games, as we have almost always been outsized in the middle. Our seniors have led the way, with Larry Perkins having an outstanding season. Kelvin Brown and Virgil Davis gave us the solid performances needed to keep us in our tough games this season, and, like in Adrian the other night, we just came up short at the end of some games."

Senior Marlin Hicks led the way for the Eagles against Adrian with 35 points, while junior John Chambers tallied 13 and Virgil Davis scored 10. A big surprise for the Eagles was freshman Daniel Winston, who managed eight points in his first varsity game. Two of Daniel's points were with one second to go in regulation time, as he rebounded a missed free throw, turned, and fired a 15-foot jump shot to tie the score at 63.

In the first overtime, it was Marlin Hicks and Virgil Davis leading the way for the Eagles, but, with two seconds remaining, Davis managed to get the ball through a crowd to Hicks, who fired and came up just short as time ran out. The score was tied at 69 each.

In the second overtime period, foul trouble took its toll in the persons of Kelvin Brown, John Chambers, Virgil
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Courts Rule That AMA Conspired Against Chiropractic Competitors

Ever wonder why you don't hear much about chiropractic, or why the medical profession used to give it a hard time? Read this carefully.

The following article, taken from the February 28, 1990 issue of the Dynamic Chiropractic paper, was submitted by Dan Elwart, D.C.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit agrees that the American Medical Association unlawfully attempted to destroy the profession of chiropractic in the United States.

In a 49-page Opinion, dated Wednesday, February 7, 1990, and made public, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, sitting in Chicago, Illinois, affirmed the judgment of United States District Court Judge Susan Getzendanner, entered on September 25, 1987, that the American Medical Association had violated the antitrust laws by conspiring with its members and other medical professional societies to destroy the competitive profession of chiropractic in the United States.

Judge Getzendanner, following an eight-week trial, had concluded that the AMA had engaged in "lawless" behavior in instituting a nationwide boycott of doctors of chiropractic, by declaring it to be unethical for medical physicians to associate professionally with doctors of chiropractic. The illegal boycott organized by the AMA included inducing hospitals under the control of medical physicians to bar diagnostic assistance and facilities to doctors of chiropractic and their patients; involved interference with chiropractors' educational institutions; involved interference with health insurance programs that were designed to reimburse patients of chiropractors for chiropractic health services; and involved a covert, nationwide propaganda effort organized and administered by the American Medical Association to ruin the reputations of doctors of chiropractic.

U.S. District Judge Susan Getzendanner, following the eight-week trial conducted from May 5 through July 12, 1987, in her formal Opinion had found:

There also was some evidence before the (AMA) committee that chiropractic was effective — more effective than the medical profession in treating certain kinds of problems such as workmen's back injuries. (E.g., PX 241, 12476, 1471-72, 184, 192-94; Ballantine Dep. 137-39.) The committee . . . was also aware that some medical physicians believed chiropractic to be effective and that chiropractors were better trained to deal with musculoskeletal problems than most medical physicians. (1d.; Tr. 2159-74.)

The patients who testified were helped by chiropractors and not by medical physicians. (Tr. 1109-36.) Dr. Per Freitag, a medical physician who associates with chiropractors, has observed that patients in one hospital who receive chiropractic treatment are released sooner than patients in another hospital, in which he is on staff, which does not allow chiropractors. (Tr. 812.) Dr. John McMillan Mennell, M.D., testified in favor of chiropractic (Tr. 35-42.) Even the defendants' economic witness, Mr. Lynk, assumed that chiropractors outperformed medical physicians in the treatment of certain conditions and he believed that was a reasonable assumption. (Tr. 1414.)

In its Opinion, written by U.S. Circuit Court Judge Daniel Manion, and concurred in by Circuit Judges Wood and Ripple, the Court of Appeals stated that the AMA intended to "destroy a competitor" and that there was evidence "showing that the AMA was motivated by economic concerns." In affirming the permanent injunction, the court found:

We believe the court's decision was reasonable. It found a cognizable danger . . .

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Dana Van Houten of Romulus and Jeff Durtka of Westland became engaged on January 13, 1990, and have set August 17, 1990, as the date for their wedding. The ceremony will take place at the Warren Woods Wesleyan Church (6615 Venoy Road, Westland) at 4 p.m.; the reception, at Bailey Center (36651 Ford Road, Westland), will begin at 6 p.m.

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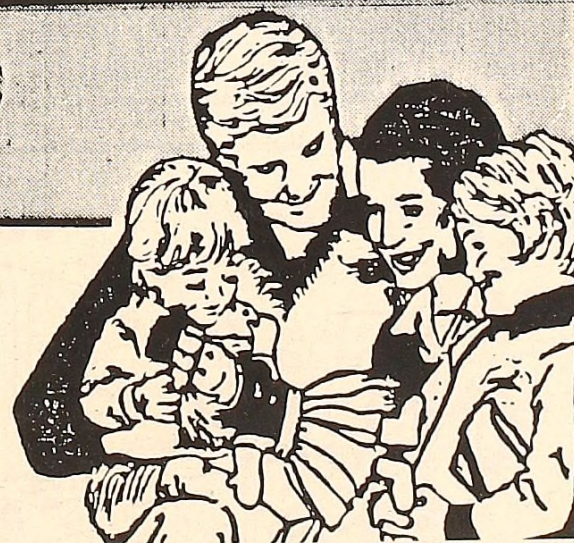
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Many residents also had to contend with raw sewage backup in their basements. As a precaution when cleaning basements in this condition, it may be a good idea to wear rubber gloves, and to prevent cuts and other breaks in the skin from coming into contact with the sewage.

I walked the streets for five hours, going door to door and looking, assess-

ing, and listening to the horror stories of what took place over that four-day period. There was extensive damage. Basement wall panels were warped, carpets were ruined, furniture was destroyed, and toys, personal mementos, and vast amounts of food were lost.

Understandably, our citizens wanted answers. Many believed that the Airport was responsible for opening the floodgates. Several variables come into play at this point. Our residents want to see a solution to this problem be-

cause it could so easily happen again.

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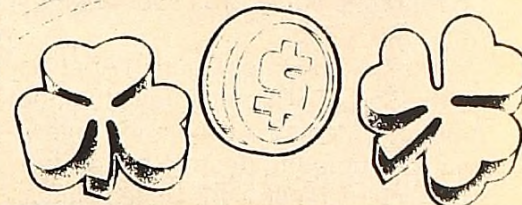
Those residents who have further problems should call the Mayor's office at City Hall (942-7571). Also, cleaning solutions will be available, at no charge, from the Romulus Department of Public Works (DPW). □

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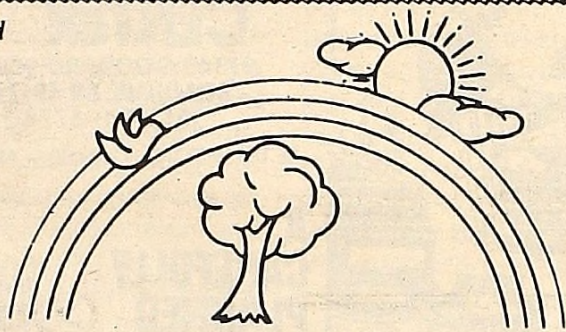
also have a solid junior nucleus with the return of two excellent sophomores, Charmaine Smith and Jenny McClure. If we can pick up a little help from this year's J.V. team, we could have a very exciting season in 1991," she concluded.

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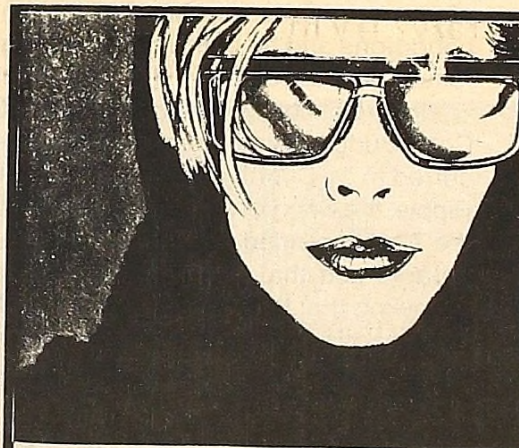
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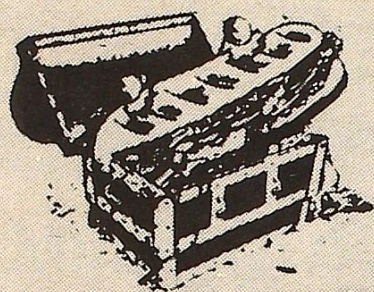
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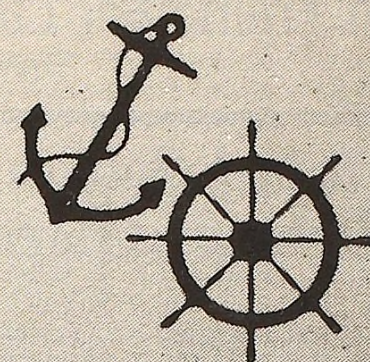
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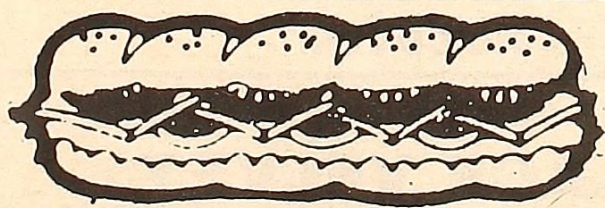
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National Poison Prevention Week underscores need for precautions

⑤None of us would deliberately poison our loved ones, yet every year hundreds of thousands of children and adults require hospital treatment for accidental poisonings.

To help combat this problem, the federal government has designated the third week in March as National Poison Prevention Week. During this national observance, we all should focus on preventing accidental poisoning by educating ourselves and taking the right precautions.

First, check your phonebook for the nearest Poison Control Center. There are more than 104 centers throughout the United States that deal with accidental poisonings. These experts know the danger of most medicines and substances found in the home and maintain treatment information for accidental ingestion. A prompt call to your local Poison Control Center can reduce injuries and may mean the difference between life and death.

Second, here are some important tips about poison safety:

- Teach children to ask first before putting anything into their mouths.
- Learn about any drugs you must take or give to children, including side effects. Consult your pharmacist or doctor if you have any questions about prescriptions or over-the-counter medications.

- Never call medicine "candy," and don't take any medications in front of children. They love to imitate and play "grown-up."

- Keep all medications in their original containers. Never store them in unmarked containers. In the event of an accidental poisoning, the original label will contain vital information.

- Discard old prescription drugs regularly. Medications with expiration dates that have passed should be flushed down the toilet, not discarded in the trash.

- Don't assume that safety caps are truly child-proof. Safety caps are child-resistant, but many toddlers can open them within 10 minutes.

- Wipe off residue accumulating on the caps of liquid drugs. This residue can diminish the child-resistant feature.

- Grandparents and other family members should "poison-proof" their homes before children come to visit. Many children are accidentally poisoned by products that belong to grandparents or other relatives.

- Call your Poison Control Center, doctor or pharmacist as soon you suspect a child or adult may have swallowed something harmful. Don't wait for symptoms.

Finally, learn about syrup of ipecac; it is the safest, most effective medicine for specific types of oral poisonings and is available without prescription at most drugstores. Ipecac induces vomiting and removes poison from the stomach, preventing further absorption into the body. Given orally, ipecac should cause vomiting within 15-20 minutes. Your pharmacist can explain ipecac's uses.

If poisoning does occur, ipecac should be used only with the guidance of the Poison Control Center or physician. It is important to note that syrup of ipecac should *never* be used when a caustic chemical—such as in most household cleaners—has been ingested. Why? Because such caustic cleaners are capable of burning the esophagus, throat or lips when they are swallowed and forced up by the ipecac.

Syrup of ipecac, and all the safety precautions listed here, should be displayed in all homes—but especially in those with young children. Playing it safe is the smart thing to do.

James Rotsart, registered pharmacist, is the vice president of professional operations for Revco Drug Stores, directing the company's 1800-plus pharmacies. In observance of National Poison Week, Revco pharmacists offer prevention presentations, available upon request to community groups year-round.

Gospel Concert

The Crimson Quartet, a group of young men dedicated to sharing the gospel of Christ through singing and testimony, will be in concert at Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive) on Wednesday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. The group, which was formed in 1988, is made up of six young men, all from the Metro Detroit area. Their purpose and desire is to spread the message of the saving love of Christ through their music. The group's traditional gospel music is sure to encourage and uplift all those who attend.

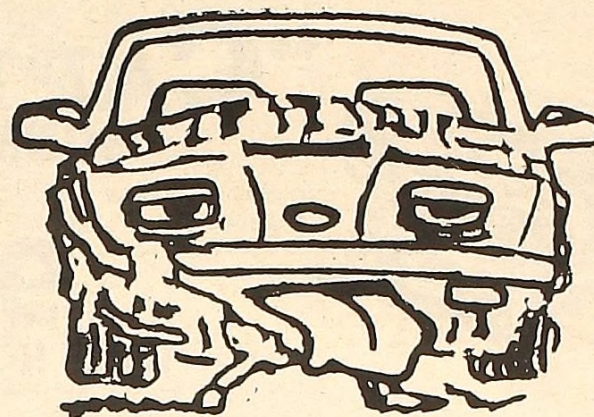
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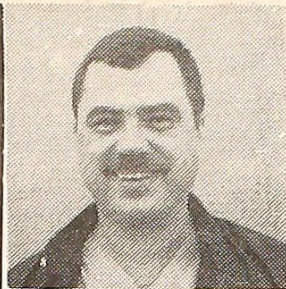
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Well, folks, if I were stranded on such an island, I would (after searching a bit for Ginger) say the heck with aspirin. If I were given choices, I'd concentrate on what the heck I'd want to eat!

I doubt if I'd be influenced by the three other fools who would likely be stranded with me. (This stranding stuff seems to occur in fours.) They'd probably choose ground steak with mashed potatoes and, for dessert, a large chunk of banana cream pie, if you please. But not me; I don't need all that fancy stuff.

Instead, I think I'd choose a mountain of peanut butter (with maybe a few sardines and some cheese & crackers in the foothills), because peanut butter is, by far, my all-time favorite food. Plus, a desert isle is probably the only place I'd be able to, once again, enjoy, savor, and get gooey with peanut butter.

You see, folks, peanut butter got me into a lot of trouble once, and now I'm a member of PBA (Peanut Butterer's Anonymous). This troublesome incident occurred some 17 years ago, during the infamous Peanut Butter Shortage. Actually, considering, you may not have heard of it, as it happened simultaneously with the Great Gasoline Shortage of 1973. The Gas Shortage was spread across the news, but the PB Shortage was scraped to the side.

Do you recall that, in those days, gasoline stations could sell only so much gas per car? Well, it was the same with peanut butter. Each store was limited to selling only one 12-ounce PB jar, or about how much I put away each meal.

Anyway, one day during all this, I was walking from Larry's Food Mart & Iguana Supplies to Patti's Party Pantry & Parasol Palace when I was approached by a short and sinister-looking guy dressed in a too-large, tan overcoat and puffing on a short, nasty cigar butt. Funny . . . his eyes seemed to work independently.

"Pssst, skippy, over here," he whispered. Instinctively, I knew this was trouble, but still, I wandered over his way.

"Yeah, so what do you want?" I said, snarling my lip a bit, trying to cover my nervousness.

"Listen, you look like a guy who likes his peanut butter . . . true or false?"

In a jif, I relaxed some. The guy sounded like a teacher.

"Well, yeah, that's true," I answered, thinking I'd never smoke cigars again.

"Tell me, which do you prefer: 'A'—Smooth; 'B'—Crunchy; or 'C'—none or all of the above?"

Part C was a little confusing, but it didn't matter; I knew my preference. "Part A, sir; I take my peanut butter smooth."

"Okay, skip, tell you what I'm going to do." Then, he went on to describe this great PB he had for sale. Somehow, I knew this wasn't quite right, but in my PB-less-weakened state, I gobbled up all he had for sale . . . about a gallon, I'd say. Only cost \$250, and the flavor would last up to one week — guaranteed!

Finishing the deal, I asked if he was, indeed, a teacher. Yes, he told me, he was a high school math teacher until his calculator, and a rather shady uncle, told him that there was more money and

personal enrichment in the peanut butter game. After discussing some calculus and a measure of subtraction, we parted — he into a darkened alley; me into the waiting arms of two policemen who were on a newly formed Peanut Butter Watch.

Folks, I was lucky, and the judge let me slide with only an FDA warning. Then, for some reason, he added, "Anyone who pays \$250 for peanut butter doesn't deserve to live off the state for

10 years."

Of course, as was the practice back then, the judge also required me to join PBAnon, and I've been with my local group since. Naturally, I miss my beloved peanut butter, but I seem to save a lot more money now. □

Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day

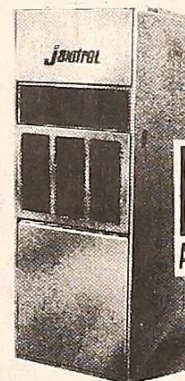
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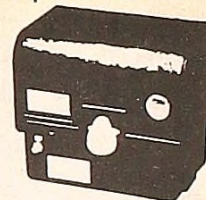
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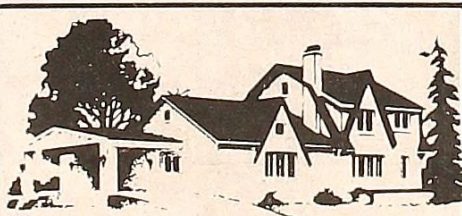
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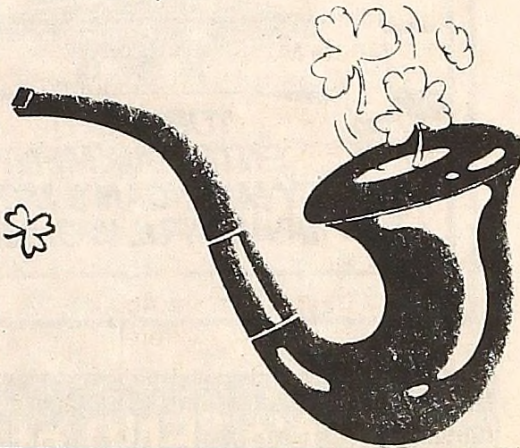
One of the outgrowths of Mayor Beverly McAnally's Drug Task Force and the concern of Romulus School Board member, Sandra Langley, is the project called "Build A Bridge." The goal of this project is to make Romulus conscious of the harmful effects of drugs and what can be done to counteract them. The objective is to involve the City of Romulus, schools, and agencies in activities that would make the community aware of drug dangers and programs available to address the problems.

The Romulus public elementary schools held a poster contest demonstrating the dangers of drugs. There were three divisions: grades kindergarten through two, grades three and four, and grades five and six. Each school had three winning posters from each division to be judged for an overall winner in each group. Awards were given out at the February 3 meeting of the Romulus City Council. All the winners received plaques recognizing their posters. The overall winners were: Keith Timbrooks of Merriman Elementary (for grades kindergarten through two), Becky Olesykowicz of Wick Elementary (for grades three and four), and Carlos Redmond of Cory Elementary (for grades

five and six). These three winners received a medallion, a special school-designed plaque, and a \$50 savings bond.

At Romulus Junior High School, the band "Kiss and Tell," starring Bob Poma (bass guitar), Keven Bouce (lead singer), Bob Langley (drums), and Steve Langley (lead guitar), performed a concert. Their emphasis is that creativity and drugs don't have to go together. A "D.A.R.E." banner and an "It's O.K. to Say 'No' to Drugs" banner decorated the stage. The group was a huge success at the assembly.

Throughout the year, the "Build A Bridge" committee will be developing activities that emphasize the dangers of drugs. The community is welcome to come and enjoy the activities and demonstrate its support for a drug-free community. □



CONSPIRACY AGAINST CHIROPRACTIC

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ger of recurrent violations, was unimpressed with the AMA's expressed intent to comply with antitrust laws, was unpersuaded by the effectiveness of the AMA's discontinuance of its boycott, and properly considered the systematic and long-term nature of the boycott. W.T. Grant, 345 U.S. at 633.

Relief here is provided not only to the plaintiff chiropractors, but also in a sense to all consumers of health care services. Ensuring that medical physicians and hospitals are free to professionally associate with chiropractors (e.g. by the publication and mailing of the order to AMA members), likely will eliminate such anticompetitive effects of the boycott as interfering with consumers' free choice in choosing a product (health care provider) of their liking. In this way competition is served by the injunction. In short, the injunction, as designed by Judge Getzendanner, reasonably attempts to eliminate the consequences of the AMA's boycott, and we will not disturb it.

The district court's form of injunction and method of ensuring its publication (and thus its efficiency) was a reasonable attempt at eliminating the consequences of the AMA's lengthy, systematic, successful and unlawful boycott.

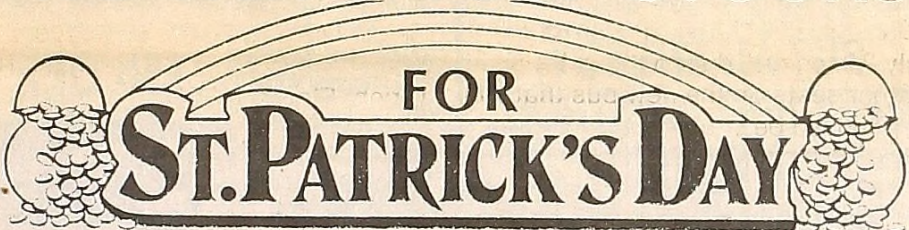
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Ryan, and Paul E. Slater, lawyers for the chiropractors during the protracted 14-year battle, expressed satisfaction with the findings regarding the AMA.

Said Mr. McAndrews, "The experience of the AMA in this case should now put other medical associations, and hospitals dominated by them, on notice that chiropractors will fight for the rights of their patients to fair treatment by tax-supported institutions, hospitals, insurance plans, HMOs and other groups that have hardened those patients with anticompetitive barriers. Hopefully, patients will now get to realize the full meaning of the term 'free choice' when it comes to selecting their licensed health care professional. The journey of the chiropractic profession to full participation in the effort to improve the nation's health, long impeded by the unlawful AMA activities, should now be resumed."

Paul Slater believes that "the Opinion re-affirms traditional antitrust principles and applies those principles to the medical profession. It has taken 14 years of strenuous litigation, but we have now established two fundamental propositions. The AMA is not beyond the reach of the antitrust laws, and competition — not private boycott — must govern the medical marketplace."

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SENIOR NEWS & EVENTS

by Mary E. Clark

Special thanks are due to Sheila Hicks, Manager of the Romulus Towers senior apartments; Marilyn Masters, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Senior News & Events."

News from the Senior Center

Let the March winds blow! Romulus seniors let nothing stop them from travelling throughout the area.

Progressive Dinner — The Romulus Senior Center will be participating with the senior centers in Allen Park, Taylor, and Wyandotte in a Progressive Dinner to be held Thursday, March 15. The cost of \$7 includes hors d'oeuvres, soup and

salad, Irish stew, dessert, dancing, and transportation. (The dinner will begin in Romulus at 12:30 p.m., with the hors d'oeuvres being served at the Center, and then will continue at the other locations for the remaining courses, ending in Wyandotte at 5 p.m.) Only 30 tickets will be sold from each center (tickets must be paid for at time of registration), so be sure to sign up at the Center right away. (Everyone who participated in this event last year raved about the wonderful time that they had!)

Dinner/Play — On Friday, March 16, Romulus seniors will head over to Huron Township to see *The Man of La Mancha* after a dinner in a nearby restaurant. The Senior Van will carry 12 people — be sure that you're one of them!

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NEWS FROM THE "REC" CENTER

Adult Softball

Adult Softball leagues are now being formed, and teams for all divisions are being accepted. All interested teams should attend the organizational meeting to be held at the Recreation building at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 10. For more information, call 942-6852.

Little League T-ball and Baseball

The Romulus Little League will hold registration for T-ball (for six- and seven-year-olds) and Baseball (for eight- to 18-year-olds) at the Recreation Building on Saturday, March 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (All first-time players must bring a birth certificate in order to register.) The registration fee is \$20 per child or \$30 per family; in addition, each child will be responsible for selling one case of candy. If you will be paying your registration fee by check, please bring a driver's license for identification. All checks should be made payable to Romulus Little League.

Team size will depend upon the number of managers and coaches (and there is still a need for more people to fill these positions). For more information, please call Gary at 941-6084 or Becky at 941-7778.

Mother/Daughter Bowling

Mother/Daughter bowling has been set for 2 p.m. on March 10 at the Romulus bowling alley. The per-couple entry fee of \$13 includes pop, pizza, bowling, mystery games, bowling for dollars, and prizes. Registration (at the bowling alley) will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis; entry fee must be paid at the time of registration.

Adult 9-pin Bowling

Adult 9-pin bowling has been scheduled for 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Romulus bowling alley. The \$17-per-couple entry fee includes bowling, pizza, and jackpots. Registrations will be accepted at the Recreation office on a first-come, first-served basis; entry fees must be paid at registration.

Saturday Recreation

Free recreation programs are scheduled for Saturdays at Halecreek and Wick schools. Elementary-age students may attend from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; junior-high and senior-high students may attend from 2 to 4 p.m. (Junior- and senior-high students will not be admitted without their Romulus school I.D. card.) There is no need to preregister.

Open Volleyball and Basketball

Both Open Basketball and Open Volleyball programs will be held weekly at North Junior High. The Volleyball program, a co-ed event for ages 18 and up, is set for Mondays from 6:30 to 9 p.m.;

Open Basketball, on Thursdays, will be scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. for teens (there is a 75-cent fee per evening) and from 7 to 9 p.m. for adult men (for a \$1-per-evening fee). □

BASKETBALL FINISHES AT .500

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Davis, and Abu Hamilton. Except for Marlin, the starting lineup was gone. Subs took over, though, and did an excellent job, as Andre Peters drove Adrian players crazy with excellent defense, while Brian Humphrey and Daniel Winston helped Marlin on the inside, attempting to hold off the larger Adrian team.

"The final score was 79-77," added Coach Molloy, "but it really doesn't tell the true story of this game. We played really hard the whole game, and I hope this will give us the momentum needed to go against a very solid Belleville team in the Districts Monday evening. I cannot predict how we will do on Monday, as I know we beat them our first game of the year, but that was two months

ago, and you really can't use that as an indicator this time of the year.

"I am very proud to have worked with these young men this year," he continued. "They gave all they had on the floor most of the time, and did a super job in the classroom (one of our main goals). The seniors will be missed next season, but the underclassmen on the J.V. team (11 wins and eight losses) look like they will develop over the next few months into a fine group of student-athletes. Marcus Harris, Mike Kowalski (assistant coaches), and I are truly looking forward to next season with these guys. Some exciting days are down the road for our basketball program, that I can promise you." □

SENIORS

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Happy Days Are Here Again — A new day trip is being offered at the Center through Seniors Unlimited — a buffet lunch and show in Toledo, Ohio, called "Happy Days Are Here Again" for \$44 per person. This show highlights the Golden Age of Music and movie stars from the 1930s. There is room for only 24 seniors, due to the extra-wide leather seats on the new bus that will be used, so be sure to sign up for this

trip right away!

A Very Happy Birthday! — My sincere wishes for a wonderful birthday go to the following Towers residents who were born in the month of March: Eleanor Brzezicki, Theresa Chadwick, Frances Fry, Hubert Gilbert, Robbie Hughes, Mary Jaskolski, Rena Kersey, Helen Richards, Joan Scibilia, Theresa Sementkowski, Margaret Sledge, Elizabeth Smith, James Swanigan, Ruth Ulrich, Florence Valentine, and Marie Wilkinson. □

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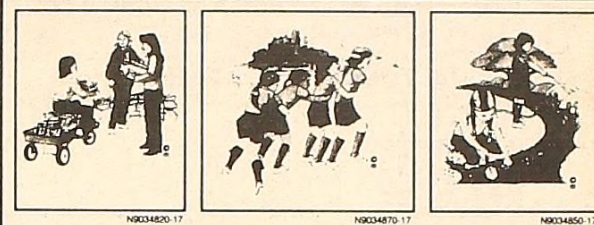
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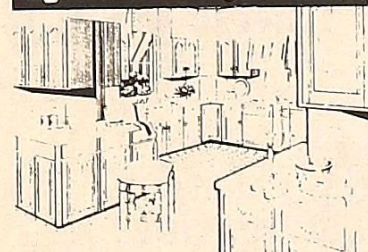


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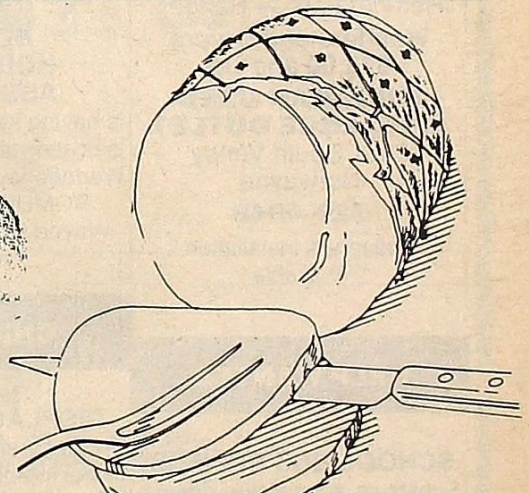
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